

SUFFRAGE ARMY OF STATE IS HERE

Seven Hundred Delegates
Ready for Opening of
Convention To-day.

PLANNING TO MERGE FIVE ORGANIZATIONS

Real Political Party Wanted—
Dark Secrecy Maintained—Mrs.
Catt To Be Empire Chief.

A political organization of women just like the men's political parties, is the aim of the leaders of the suffrage convention which opens here to-day. The women are already organized by Assembly districts. It remains but to effect Congressional district divisions and to appoint a state chairman.

Dark secrecy, however, is being maintained as to the details of the convention. All but one of the meetings will be in executive session. From Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt down to the humblest district worker from the Bronx, the women are having the time of their lives keeping their plans secret.

"What's the news?" Mrs. Catt was asked last night, after a three-hour conference of the upstate leaders. The chairman of the Empire State Campaign Committee leaned forward with a mysterious smile.

"The moon is made of green cheese," she whispered.

Even this meagre information was regarded by Miss Hay, the arch seer-keeper of the woman movement.

"Carrie, come home," she cried, and the host of 600 clubs was led away out of mischief.

Members of the suffrage organizations protest that they have not the remotest idea who will be elected state chairman or what the name of the new organization will be. As to the first, however, there is no real doubt in any suffragist's mind.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt will be the first chairman of the New York State Woman Suffrage party.

Over the matter of a name there is likely to be the only real friction in all the programme. The "party" machine will ride easily over the details of abolishing five long established suffrage organizations, and will not skid on the slippery way to the election, but when it comes to what is in a name, it will run into the stone wall of the many veteran "upstaters."

Women who have worked all their lives for the "Old State," a. they affectionately call it, the sixty-year-old New York State Woman Suffrage Association, will not see the name lost without a struggle. New York City women are expected to urge some such name as "Empire State Woman Suffrage Party."

Representatives of the five organizations which are combined in the Empire State Campaign Committee will be present to-morrow, but they cannot vote unless they are accredited delegates from the Woman Suffrage party.

Mrs. Howard Mansfield, president of the Equal Franchise Society, and Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany will vote as delegates of their Assembly districts.

There will not be any men delegates at all, although there is an imposing list of League incorporated in the Empire State Campaign Committee.

Next year, however, if the merger goes through and all five organizations are under Mrs. Catt, New York will see the thrilling spectacle of men delegates at a suffrage convention.

Seven hundred delegates and alternates made the corridors of the Hotel Astor hum last night with their greetings. Late arrivals were pouring into the hotel all evening.

The convention will be called to order at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Reports of officers will be read, followed by the annual address of the president, Mrs. Raymond Brown.

The merger plan will then be pre-

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PEARL NECKLACES

sented. It calls for the laying down of their separate identities by the New York State Woman Suffrage Association, the Woman Suffrage party, the Equal Franchise Society, the Collegiate League and the Men's League. Each will be retained as a branch of the central committee.

This evening the suffragists will go to see themselves in a "movie" show, "The Rising Power."

To-morrow the merger plan will be voted on in secret session. In the evening there will be a complimentary dinner for Mrs. Catt. The election of officers will take place on Thursday.

Mayor Signs Petition for Suffrage Envoys

Mayor Mitchell signed a suffrage petition all his own last night. It will be posted at the end of the mile and a half long petition which the suffrage envoys from San Francisco will carry to Congress on December 7. The four Western suffragists called on the Mayor at his apartments to ask him to sign their petition, which reads: "We demand an amendment to the United States Constitution enfranchising women."

"I don't like that word 'demand,'" said Mayor Mitchell. "I won't sign it unless you change it to 'urge'."

No change it they did with all haste, and John Fursey Mitchell signed his name in a good round hand at the top of a brand new piece of paper.

The envoys said after their visit that they were terribly sorry to have had to bother the Mayor so soon after his operation, but of course they couldn't go on to Washington without his sanction. They found him a little pale, they said, but otherwise as well as ever.

"I have always intended to do so, there is no reason why I should not sign your petition."

Then he wanted to know what other Mayors had signed.

"There was one in Nebraska—his name was Bryan," began Mrs. Sara Bard Field.

"That's an unfortunate name," said the Mayor, and everybody laughed.

Mrs. Ingeberg Kindred and Miss Marie Kindberg, who have driven the suffrage car and bound up its wounds all the way across the continent, drove it up to the Mayor's house, but it was not so simple as the telling.

Five times the simple mountaineers were threatened with arrest on their way through New York's rude paths.

"Hey, there, dim your lights, or I'll have you arrested," sang out the officer on Fifth Avenue, as they started from headquarters at Forty-first Street.

At the Ritz-Carlton, where they stopped to take in Miss Frances Joliffe, the second envoys, there was more trouble.

"Hey, you, what's mean by stopping on this side? Get over where you belong or you'll get arrested."

This morning before there are any traffic policemen awake, the two suffrage motorists intend to steal away to Jersey. If they get out of the state without being arrested, they swear they'll never ask another New York man for the vote.

They will be received by the Mayor of Newark to-day and by Governor Feltner to-morrow. On Thursday they dash into Philadelphia, where another celebration has been planned.

RED CROSS WINS RUSSIA'S THANKS

Empress Dowager and the Minister Grateful for Aid to Wounded.

Her Majesty Marie Feodorovna, Empress Dowager of Russia, and Sergius Sazonoff, Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, have assured the American Red Cross of their country's gratitude for its numerous gifts to the Russian Red Cross. Their letters, forwarded through George Bakmeteff, Russian Ambassador to the United States, were made public by Miss Mabel Boardman yesterday, as follows:

"I have great pleasure in informing you that Her Majesty, the Empress Marie Feodorovna, has been graciously pleased to direct me to convey to the American Red Cross Society the sincere expressions of her deep and heartfelt gratitude for its rich and numerous gifts to the Russian Red Cross and for the valuable assistance it has so generously given to our sick and wounded since the beginning of the war."

"I avail myself of this opportunity to ask you, dear Miss Boardman, to accept the renewed assurances of my sincere esteem."

The second letter reads: "I have been instructed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to transmit to the American Red Cross Society his warmest thanks for the precious gifts of drugs, hospital supplies, clothes and comforts that have so generously and constantly been sent through him, and his profound appreciation of this noble work of charity and humanity which has added another strong link to the traditional bonds of friendship that so happily unite our two countries."

"Accept, dear Miss Boardman, the assurance of my sincere esteem."

"G. BAKMETEFF."

With these letters there came a cable to the American Red Cross from the Queen of Bulgaria, which says:

"Deeply touched by the most generous succor American Red Cross has vouchsafed to our sick and wounded, I express my heartfelt and earnest gratitude."

Mr. and Mrs. Brand Whitlock visited the offices of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, 71 Broadway, yesterday morning, to look over the exhibition of lace made by the women of Belgium. They left for Washington in the afternoon. During their two weeks' stay in Toledo that city will honor its former Mayor by collecting large quantities of cloth to be forwarded through Mr. Whitlock as a Christmas present to the women and children of Northern France and Belgium.

Cash, cloth, blankets, shoes and new clothes worth \$120,000 have been given to the Belgian Commission since its new appeal was made. Of the larger sums received the New England Committee, of Boston, reports \$1,000, the Chicago, Belgian Relief Committee, \$28,000, and the Maryland Committee, \$1,000. Other states are expected to make their reports soon.

MISS BLOODGOOD MAKES HER DEBUT

'Rosalie Valse,' Composed
for Her, Played at Re-
ception in Home.

BENEFIT AFFAIRS ENGAGING SOCIETY

Dansants To Be Held for Warren
Goddard Settlement and
Church of Ascension.

Mrs. Wilber A. Bloodgood gave a reception yesterday afternoon at her home, 49 East Thirty-fourth Street, to introduce her daughter, Miss Rosalie G. Bloodgood. The reception was followed by a dinner and dance, to which a few additional guests were invited. The debutante was assisted in receiving by Miss Mercer French, Miss Madeleine and Miss Katharine Dahlgren, Miss Margaret Carey Dinamore, Miss Grace Bristed, Miss Audrey Hoffman, Miss Marion Tiffany, Miss Marion Townsend, Miss Rita Norrie, Miss Grace Hartley Jenkins and Miss Adrienne Iselin.

The men invited to the dinner and dance were Sidney Dillon Ripley, Drayton Burrill, James Lenox Banks, Jr., Howard Bourne, Harry Cushing, 3d, Theodore Parker, Samuel Barlow, Hugh Cotton, Arthur du Bois, Edmund Peaselee and G. Norton Miller.

The conductor of the orchestra composed "The Rosalie Valse," as a compliment to the debutante, and it was played for the first time last night.

The first of the Junior Assembly dances takes place at Sherry's this evening. Several of the patronesses will give dinners before the dance, among them being Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, Mrs. Adrian H. Larkin, Mrs. Frederic Walker Lincoln, Mrs. Charles Herbert Simmons and Mrs. John J. Riker.

Under the auspices of the Friendly Aid Society a the dance and fair will be held at the Hotel Plaza on Saturday, from 4 until 7 o'clock, for the benefit of the Warren Goddard Settlement of the society. At the booth will be found Red Cross garments, toilet articles, cakes, flowers and fancy articles. There will be exhibition dancing and tea will be served. The patronesses include Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss, Mrs. William Allen Butler, Mrs. F. Warren Goddard, Mrs. E. Morgan Grinnell, Mrs. Otto H. Kahn, Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, Mrs. William Church Osborn, Mrs. George McAnony, Mrs. John H. Rhodes, Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee, Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany and Mrs. Walter C. Witherbee.

Under the auspices of the Art Alliance of America an exhibition of Art Associated with the Child will open to-day and continue until December 13 in the former Blakeslee Galleries, 665 Fifth Avenue. Many of the leading artists will exhibit paintings, sculpture, miniatures, interior decoration, etchings, ceramics, books, costumes, toys, etc. A private view and reception will be held this afternoon, when admission will be \$2. On other days 35 cents will be charged. The patronesses include Mrs. R. Fulton Cutting, Mrs. James A. Burden, Jr., Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, Mrs. John Henry Hammond, Mrs. Frank Gray Grier, Mrs. Walter B. James, Mrs. James F. D. Lanier, Mrs. Henry Fairfield Osborn, Mrs. Francis K. Pendleton, Mrs. Douglas Robinson, Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt and Mrs. A. Murray Young.

On the reception committee will be Mrs. William M. Chase, Mrs. John Henry Hammond, Mrs. Montgomery Hare, Mrs. Ripley Hitchcock, Mrs. Edward Robinson, Mrs. Nicholas Murray Butler and Mrs. Carroll Beckwith.

A Christmas market and the dansant will be held this afternoon and evening at Lexington Avenue and Fifty-fifth Street. A sale will be held this afternoon at the house of Mrs. Oliver Gould Jennings. For the children who are taken to the sale there will be a children's corner, where there are cake, candy, toys, baby clothes and other articles will be sold by the crib-side committee. Among the women interested are Mrs. Ira Barrows, Mrs. John Jay Knox, Mrs. W. George Low, Mrs. William Lowe, Mrs. George Strong, Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, Mrs. C. H. Van Ingen, Mrs. William B. Pott and Mrs. Edward A. Le Roy, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Perry Osborn will arrive in the city early next month from Honolulu, where they have been on their wedding trip.

Miss M. Symphorosa Bristed and Miss C. E. Grace Bristed, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Astor Bristed, of this city, will be guests of honor at a dinner which Mrs. Alfred E. Norris will give on December 23 at her home in Philadelphia. Afterward Mrs. Norris will take her guests to the dance which Mrs. Charles Bingham Penrose will give for her debutante daughter, Miss Sarah H. B. Penrose. Miss Penrose is a niece of Mrs. Drexel Dahlgren.

Mrs. Charles Astor Bristed will give a dinner and theatre party on December 7 for Miss Dorothy L. Norris and Miss Sarah H. B. Penrose.

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Frelinghuysen and Miss Frelinghuysen are expected for a few days from their country place at Morristown, N. J., and are staying at the Ritz-Carlton.

The pantomime arranged by William Farrell will be repeated this evening at the dinner dance at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Mrs. Frank Gray Grier gave a small dinner last night at the Ritz-Carlton and afterward took her guests to the opera.

**WOMEN WIN SUFFRAGE
IN EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**

Take Part in Four Elections—
Rye Voters Celebrate Event.

The right to vote at Episcopal Church elections is being rapidly extended to women. At Christ Church, at Rye, N. Y.; St. Matthew's Church, St. James's and St. Luke's, in this city, parish elections were held yesterday, and at all of them the women were given an equal chance with the men to ballot for parish officials.

St. Thomas's Church, it was learned

MISS ROSALIE G. BLOODGOOD.



Introduced to society yesterday at a reception in the home of her mother, Mrs. Wilber A. Bloodgood, at 49 East Thirty-fourth Street.

ALDERMEN CHOP SALARY RAISES

Board Adopts Committee's
Report Cutting \$90,400
from the Budget.

The finance committee of the Board of Aldermen, in its report on the 1916 city budget, submitted yesterday by Frederick H. Stevenson, chairman, cut \$90,400 from the budget as passed by the Board of Estimate. This was accomplished by abolishing all increases in salaries which had been granted to persons receiving more than \$2,500 a year. All increases to salaries less than \$2,500 were allowed. Many new positions were eliminated. The report was adopted by the Board of Aldermen. The report stated that the committee believed it to be the design of the city charter that the Board of Estimate should make the budget. The opportunity for reductions afforded to the Board of Aldermen, it was asserted, was not intended for exhausted consideration of each item, but primarily to give the aldermen a chance to correct obvious mistakes and to disagree with matters of municipal policy as reflected in the budget appropriations.

The report cited the resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen requesting the Board of Estimate to consider that all excessive salaries should be reduced to what the work was worth, and that all unnecessary positions should be abolished, but that such steps should be taken with every care to avoid injustice.

Some Reductions Called Unjust.

"We know that individual members of the Board of Estimate have sought to follow this rule," the report stated, "but we know that in many cases, due in part to the great size and complexity of the city's budget, this was not done and that small salaries and wages have as a result been unjustly reduced. We believe that the Board of Estimate must have been actuated by a necessity for a municipal policy of the strictest and quickest economy in this seeking to standardize salaries and at once, instead of gradually and medicinally, and we further believe that, if the necessity for immediate economy has come upon us so grievously, it is fair that those who have received salary increases in the 1916 budget should, where these salaries are already \$2,500 a year or over, wait a year before their pay is raised. Nor should those receiving less than \$2,500 a year whose pay has been raised beyond the \$2,500 mark receive any further increases than such as will bring their salaries up to \$2,500 a year."

There are scores receiving smaller salaries and wage rates who have received slight increases, and these we do not desire to take away. It is believed that any one now receiving \$2,500 a year can manage to get along another year on the same amount, in fact, we think he should make this contribution, for this year at least, even though he be worth more than he is now receiving, and we have a shrewd suspicion

that none of the incumbents will resign because he fails to receive the increase."

Mayor May Remedy Injustice. The report pointed out that if it was shown in any case where an increase was refused a substantial injustice had been done, Mayor Mitchell could rectify the injustice by exercising his veto.

The total reduction was made up by denying proposed increases to the amount of \$86,840, by eliminating new positions carrying salaries amounting to \$29,000, and by reducing the amount of the contingent fund of the Board of Estimate from \$75,000 to \$50,000. The departments in which the larger reductions were made were: Commissioner of Accounts, \$8,280; Department of Public Charities, \$7,714; Department of Health, \$6,800; Law Department, \$6,700; Department of Finance, \$4,240; Department of Docks and Ferries, \$3,780, and Department of Correction, \$3,260.

The new position of an engineer inspector in the Department of Parks in Manhattan and Richmond, at \$2,340 a year, was abolished. The new position of director of the San View Hospital and adjacent institutions, at \$4,330 a year, which had been provided in the Department of Charities, was disallowed.

A motion by Alderman Quinn to eliminate from the budget the \$70,000 appropriation required by the Bureau of Standards, doing away with that bureau, caused much discussion.

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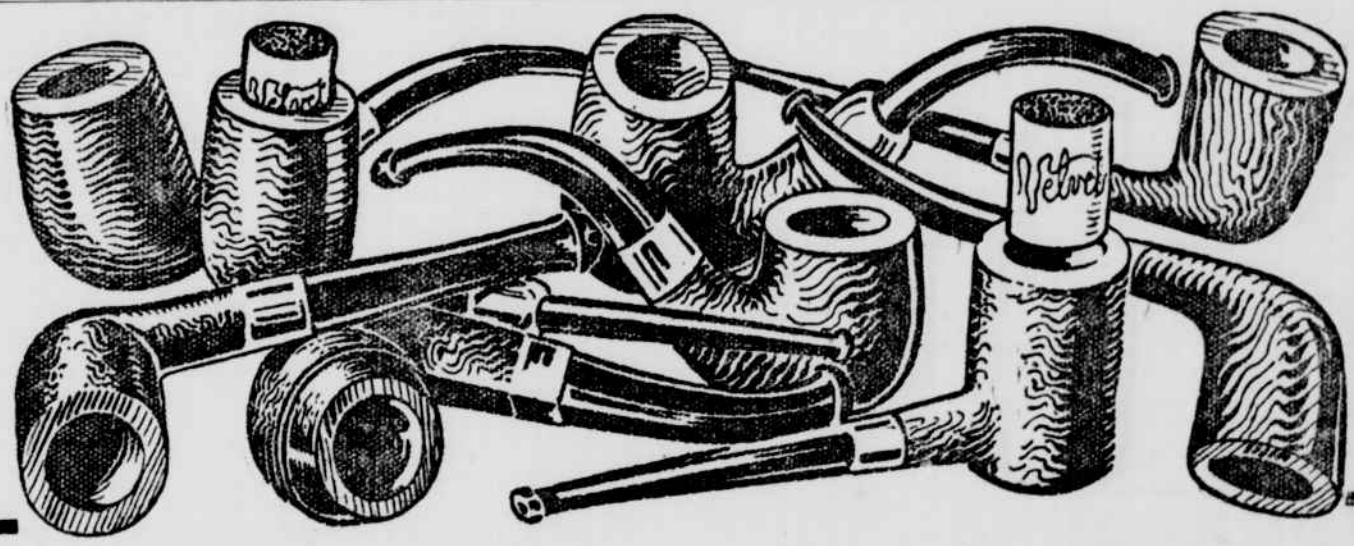
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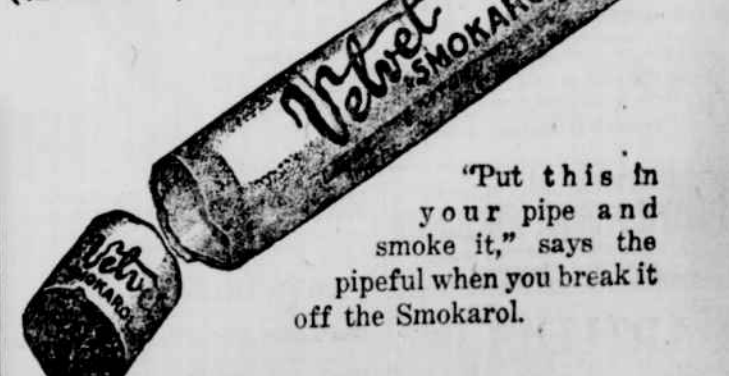
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